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FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
AND ASSOCIATED METHOD OF
DETECTING DEVELOPER
DETERIORATION

AMENDMENT FILED CONCURRENTLY WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.